

Remarks

Claims 1-13, 15-17, and 20-57, and 61-85 are pending in the application. Claims 20 and 21 have been amended. Claims 58-60 have been canceled. A petition is being separately filed by US Postal Service along with a check for the petition fee. The specification has been amended to include the claim for domestic priority under 35 USC 365(c) and 35 USC 120. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

Applicant would respectfully ask the Examiner to consider that dependent claims 84 and 85 were added in Amendment b before final rejection. Applicant respectfully requests that they be entered in the case. However, if for some reason they cannot be entered, applicant requests that they be canceled so the case can go to allowance.

Priority

The examiner states that the priority benefit claim was not entered because the required reference was not timely filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) or (a)(5). A petition and a check for the fee are being sent to the PTO today by US Postal service.

Claim Objections

Applicant has amended claims 20 and 21 to fix the problem identified by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections--35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejects claim 58 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claim 58 has been canceled so the case can go to allowance.

Claim Rejections--35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejects claim 58 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 58 has been canceled so the case can go to allowance.

Claim Rejections--35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejects claim 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frasnetti in view of Meslif. Claim 59 has been canceled so the case can go to

allowance.

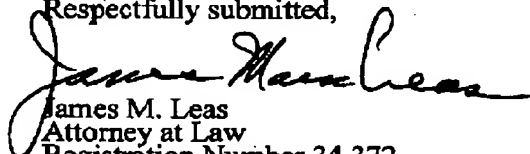
The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to be more relevant than that relied upon.

Entry of the Present Amendment

Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to consider that the present amendments to claims 20 and 21 put those claims in form for allowance and overcome all rejections. Claims 58-60 have been canceled. Therefore applicant requests entry of the present amendment after final. If all amendments cannot be entered Applicant requests entry of those that can be entered.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration. If there are any questions please call applicant's attorney at 802 864-1575.

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